



Dear

MR. MANDELA... DEAR MRS. PARKS

CHILDREN'S LETTERS: GLOBAL LESSONS

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About this EXHIBITION...

Hundreds of children around the world wrote letters to two individuals—Mr. Nelson Mandela of South Africa and Mrs. Rosa L. Parks of the United States—who were internationally known for their work in human rights. This exhibition was inspired by those letters and aims to help visitors, young and old, from South Africa, the United States, and around the world to:

- Become more aware of the contributions of these two individuals to human rights
- Become more aware of the values they share
- Increase appreciation of their own cultures and traditions
- Understand and be tolerant of diverse cultures and traditions
- Become aware of the ongoing struggle for human rights around the world
- Find ways to honour individuals in their own families and communities who have contributed, in large and small ways, to making a better world.

"We stand here today as nothing more than a representative of the millions of our people who dared to rise up against a social system whose very essence is war, violence, racism, oppression, repression and the impoverishment of an entire people."

- Mr Nelson Mandela's acceptance and Nobel lecture, December 10, 1993

"I have learned that, in order to bring about change, one must take the first step, or else it will not be done."

- Mrs. Rosa Parks

